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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments presented herein.

1. **Restriction requirement.**

The Examiner has determined that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct inventions; that is, (I) the invention of Claims 29-80, drawn to a method of fabricating a multilayered material; and (II) the invention of Claims 1-28, drawn to a multilayered material. Accordingly, election has been required.

In response, the Applicant elects invention II, Claims 1-28. Claims 29-80 have been cancelled.

2. **Amendments Made Without Prejudice or Estoppel.**

Applicants have made these amendments in order to expedite allowance of the currently pending subject matter. However, Applicants do not acquiesce in the original ground for rejection with respect to the original form of these claims. These amendments have been made without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original scope of these claims in the future, such as through continuation practice, for example.

3. **Conclusion.**

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the various grounds for rejection in the Office Action be reconsidered and withdrawn with respect to the presently amended form of the claims, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present application to pass to issuance.

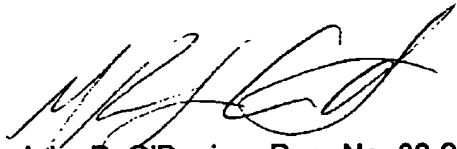
In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present

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application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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